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## **VIA ECF**

Honorable Sterling Johnson, Jr. United States District Judge Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: Yahabebe Brown v. City of New York, et al.

11 CV 2117 (SJ) (LB)

Your Honor:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, attorney for defendant City of New York in the above-referenced matter. In furtherance of the recent settlement agreement between plaintiff and defendant City of New York, please find enclosed herewith a proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Order of Discontinuance, signed by counsel for plaintiff and defendant City of New York, and submitted for the Court's endorsement.

I thank the Court for its time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Matthew Weir Assistant Corporation Counsel Special Federal Litigation Division

cc: Hon. Lois Bloom, U.S.M.J. (via ECF)
Alissa Boshnack, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff (via ECF)
Sanjay Nair, Esq., attorney for defendant County of Nassau (via ECF)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	X	
YAHABEBE BROWN,	Plaintiff,	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL
-against-		
THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, and CORRECTIONS OFFICER JOHN DOE, Individually and in the Official Capacities,		11 CV 2117 (SJ) (LB)
	Defendants	
X		

WHEREAS, plaintiff commenced this action by filing a complaint on or about April 29, 2011, alleging violations of his federal civil and state common law rights; and

WHEREAS, defendant The City of New York has denied any and all liability arising out of plaintiff's allegations; and

WHEREAS, the plaintiff and defendant The City of New York now desire to resolve the issues raised in this litigation, without further proceedings and without admitting any fault or liability; and

WHEREAS, plaintiff has authorized bis counsel to agree to the terms set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, as follows:

1. The above-referenced action is hereby dismissed against defendant The City of New York with prejudice, and without costs, expenses, or attorneys' fees in excess of the amount specified in paragraph "2" below.

- 2. The City of New York hereby agrees to pay plaintiff Yahabebe Brown the sum of TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$27,500.00) DOLLARS in full satisfaction of all claims, including claims for costs, expenses and attorneys' fees in this action. In consideration for the payment of this sum, plaintiff agrees to the dismissal of all the claims against defendant The City of New York, and to release defendant The City of New York and any present or former employees and agents of the City of New York or any entity represented by the Office of the Corporation Counsel, from any and all liability, claims, or rights of action alleging a violation of plaintiff's civil rights, from the beginning of the world to the date of the General Release, including claims for costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.
- 3. Plaintiff shall execute and deliver to defendant City's attorney all documents necessary to effect this settlement, including, without limitation, a General Release based on the terms of paragraph 2 above and an Affidavit of Status of Liens. If Medicare has provided payment and/or benefits for any injury or condition that is the subject of this lawsuit, prior to tendering the requisite documents to effect this settlement, Plaintiff shall have notified Medicare and shall submit with the settlement documents a Medicare final demand letter for conditional payments. A Medicare Set-Aside Trust may also be required if future anticipated medical costs are found to be necessary pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1395y(b) and 42 C.F.R. §§411.22 through 411.26.
- 4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be an admission by defendants The City of New York that it or any present or former employees and agents of the City of New York, or any entity represented by the Office of the Corporation Counsel, in any manner or way violated plaintiff's rights, or the rights of any other person or entity, as defined in the constitutions, statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations of the United States, the State of New York, or the City of New York or any other rules, regulations or bylaws of any department or

subdivision of the City of New York. This stipulation shall not be admissible in, nor is it related to, any other litigation or settlement negotiations.

- 5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute a policy or practice of the City of New York or any agency thereof.
- 6. Plaintiff agrees to hold harmless the City of New York regarding any liens or past and/or future Medicare payments, presently known or unknown in connection with this matter. If conditional and/or future anticipated Medicare payments have not been satisfied, defendant City reserves the right to issue a multiparty settlement check, naming Medicare as a payee or to issue a check to Medicare directly based upon Medicare's final demand letter.

7. This Stipulation and Order contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto, and no oral agreement entered into at any time nor any written agreement entered into prior to the execution of this Stipulation and Order regarding the subject matter of the instant proceeding shall be deemed to exist, or to bind the parties hereto, or to vary the terms and conditions contained herein.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York , 2011

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Bv:

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SO ORDERED:

STERLING JOHNSON, JR., U.S.D.J.